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PALESTINE REFUGEE PROBLEM:

The Refugee Problem in Concrete terms

This document was prepared as a working paper by the Secretariat of the Palestine Conciliation Commission. It presents a general breakdown of the diverse social levels among the refugees, together with an estimate as to the willingness of each group to return to its homes, and its ability under present conditions to become productive and self-supporting, either in Israel or in the Arab states. The paper examines the problems involved in obtaining statistical information concerning the wishes of the refugees and the validity of their claims to repatriation, and the problems involved in creating machinery to carry out repatriation and resettlement. The paper outlines the requirements for the provision of temporary relief and maintenance, as well as for a longer range rehabilitation fund, both of which would be required to carry out repatriation or resettlement. It recommends that consideration be given to the possibility of repatriating or resettling the refugees in potentially self-contained groups, because of the political, economic, and administrative advantages of such a procedure.

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